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1. On 28 August 1953, [ ] enroute to Odessa, a RATA aircraft was observed flying at an extremely high altitude. The aircraft was heading east-west, in the same direction as [ ] ship. The exact hour at which it was observed was undetermined.
2. On the night of 28 August, when [ ] ship had passed Zmeynyy Island (N 45-15, E 30-13) and was approximately 80 miles south of Odessa, [ ] along the coast, as far north as Cape Fontana (N 46-23, E 30-45), a number of powerful searchlights. [ ] there were about ten. Three more searchlights were observed a few miles northeast of the port. [ ] ship was momentarily caught in the beam of one of these searchlights. [ ] this was a coincidence and [ ] the searchlights were not scanning the sea.
3. On Cape Fontana there was a direction-finding station which repeated its call letters, three R's and three dashes, for a period of three minutes on 295 kilocycles.
4. At about 0200 hours on 29 August, [ ] ship was navigating north of Zmeynyy Island, the Odessa radio station informed the ship when it was 62 miles from Odessa. This fact was later confirmed by a bearing which was taken by [ ] ship. [ ] a radar warning net was in operation in the vicinity of Odessa.
5. [ ] ship entered the port with the assistance of a pilot. While [ ] ship was navigating in the dredged channel, which was the same as that marked in U.S. Hydrographic chart No. 4202. [ ] an old naval vessel moored at a quay. [ ] the vessel was moored at the outer quay of the Repair Basin. The vessel had three stacks. The forward stack was placed very close to the bridge. The ship was similar to the Soviet destroyer URITSKIY. It resembled even more closely a destroyer of the KARL MARX class.

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6. After a woman physician issued the health certificate, [redacted] ship moored at the quay southwest of the coal pier. The inspection was conducted by the local authorities when the ship was at the quay. [redacted] 25X1

7. There were two railroad tracks on each side of the coal pier. The railroad cars were of the high side gondola type and had a capacity of 40 tons each. There were three traveling overhead cranes on the coal pier. Each crane had a lifting capacity of about five tons. There were also several crawler cranes which facilitated loading operations at the shore end of the pier, on the northern side, where large piles of coal were stored. 25X1

8. [redacted] the main outer pier of the port was completely rebuilt. The central part of this pier, a section about 100 meters long, was destroyed in the war. 25X1

9. The training vessel DUNAY was anchored in the roads. It was without sails and the hull was painted steel gray. The riggings appeared to be in poor repair. About 50 men were observed swabbing the deck. [redacted] 25X1

10. An 8000-ton Soviet passenger ship, which resembled the British vessels DUNKEL BAY and DUNDEL BAY, of German construction, was anchored in the roads.<sup>2</sup> The ship was painted white and had two promenade decks, two stacks, cruiser stern, and raked bow. It was equipped with radar. Another Soviet passenger ship, also painted white, was moored at the southern side of the new quay. The displacement of this vessel was about 9000 tons.

11. Merchant ship traffic in the harbor was slight. A Soviet cargo vessel of recent construction, with a raked bow and cruiser stern and a single squat stack amidships, was observed entering the harbor. This vessel, which was similar to ships of Dutch construction, was probably propelled by turbines. [redacted] this vessel when his own ship was riding at anchor in the roads. A 3000-ton Soviet cargo vessel was observed on its way out of port. It was carrying no cargo and was headed south. A 5,000-ton Soviet merchant ship and a 10,000-ton Soviet tanker were anchored in the roads. 25X1

12. At approximately 0800 hours on 30 August, when his ship was leaving port, [redacted] a naval vessel, probably an MTB, which was about 50 meters in length. [redacted] 25X1

13. A patrol vessel escorted informant's ship out of territorial waters. No naval ships were observed in the Black Sea on the trip to and from Odessa.

1. [redacted] Comment. The ~~BRISKIY~~ is a destroyer of the LENIN class. [redacted] 25X1

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